

TOWN OF MONSON
CERTIFICATIONS-ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 11, 2015

ARTICLE 1:

The Town voted unanimously to hear reports of Town Officers and Committees.

ARTICLE 2:

The Town voted unanimously to fix the salary or compensation of all elected officials as prescribed below:

Town Clerk	\$ 47,640.00
Highway Surveyor	\$ 76,602.00
Board of Selectmen-Chair	\$ 1,757.00
Board of Selectmen (2) Members@ \$1,624	\$ 3,248.00
Board of Assessors-Chair	\$ 1530.00
Board of Assessors (2) Members@\$ 1,478	\$ 2956.00
Water/Sewer Commission-Chair	\$ 912.00
Water/Sewer Commission (2) Members@ \$844.00	\$ 1688.00

ARTICLE 3:

The Town voted unanimously to re-authorize the existing Revolving Funds under M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53E 1/2 as per Attachment A, naming the programs and purposes for which said revolving fund may be expended, the receipts to be credited to the fund, the board, department or officer authorized to expend from said fund and the limit on the total amount which may be expended from said fund during the fiscal year.

ARTICLE 7:

The Town voted unanimously to transfer and appropriate the Comcast, Inc. Franchise Fee to Municipal Public Access Cable Television, Inc.

ARTICLE 8:

The Town voted unanimously to accept any funds which have been offered to the Town's Perpetual Care Cemetery Fund since the last Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 9:

The Town voted by 4/5 vote to pass over this article (previous year's bills)

ARTICLE 10:

The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Town Treasurer and Town Collector to enter into written agreements with banking institutions having their principal offices in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for a period not to exceed one year, pursuant to which said Town Treasurer and Town Collector agree to maintain on deposit in said institutions specified amounts of the funds of the Town in return for the provision by said institution(s) of banking services; such services that so qualify shall be prescribed by the Commissioner of Revenue, as well as by other provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, et seq.

ARTICLE 11:

The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public or private sale, after first giving notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town, fourteen (14) days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under tax title procedure; provided, however, that the Selectmen or whomsoever they authorize to hold such sale may reject any bid which they or the person so authorized may deem inadequate.

ARTICLE 12:

The Town voted by 2/3 vote to borrow and appropriate a sum of money not to exceed Seven Hundred and Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy Three dollars (\$703,173) to be used for construction projects authorized through the Chapter 90 Bond Issue, provided however that the town be reimbursed one hundred per cent (100%) of said sum upon project completion.

ARTICLE 20:

The Town voted unanimously to set the fee for a demand notice for payment of delinquent taxes, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 60, Section 15 to Chapter 60, Section 15 of the Massachusetts General Laws, at \$20.00 effective as of July 1, 2015.

ARTICLE 21:

The Town voted unanimously to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 5A as follows:

MGL, Ch59, Sec 5, Clause 5A: Fifth A, The real and personal estate belonging to or held in trust for the benefit of incorporated organizations of veterans of any war in which the United States has been engaged, to the extent of four hundred thousand dollars, if actually used and occupied by such association, and if the net income from said property is used for charitable purposes; but it shall not be exempt for any year in which such association or the trustees holding for the benefit of such association wilfully omit to bring into the assessors the list and statement required by section twenty-nine. This clause shall take effect upon its acceptance by any city or town. In those cities and towns which accept the provisions of this clause, the provisions of clause Fifth shall not be applicable; provided, however, that the state treasurer shall annually reimburse the city or town an amount equal to the reimbursement, if any, granted to such city or town under said clause Fifth for the most recent fiscal year in which it received such reimbursement.
(currently the limit is two hundred thousand dollars)

ARTICLE 22:

The Town voted unanimously to amend the Monson By-Laws Article 23, Section 3, (4) by deleting the current Article 23, Section 3, (4) and replacing it with the following:

(4) The Town Administrator shall be the Chief Procurement Officer for the Town of Monson;

ARTICLE 23:

Submitted by: Town Administrator

The Town voted by 2/3 vote to establish the Energy Efficiency Stabilization Fund pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 5B for the sole purpose of funding energy efficiency projects, or take any other action relative thereto.

I hereby certify that the Annual Town Meeting was duly called according to the Bylaws and the Warrant was properly posted. The meeting convened at 7:03 p.m. and after the completion of the first three articles the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m. to conduct the Special Town Meeting.

After completion of the Special Town Meeting, the Annual Meeting convened at 7:40 p.m. and upon completion of all the articles the meeting was dissolved at 8:30 p.m. Moderator Richard Guertin reappointed the following individuals to the Finance Committee: Christine Edwards, Maureen O'Sullivan and Robert Margerison for a term to expire May 2018.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:



Mary F. Watson
Monson Town Clerk

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1				TOWN OF MONSON - CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS							
2											
3		Date of Town Meeting:	May 11, 2015		Town Meeting Type:	Annual	X	Special	FY16		
4											
5		Voters in Attendance			Prec. A - 30	Prec. B - 39		Prec. C -34	Total: 103		
6											
7		The Town voted unanimously to appropriate the following sums of money necessary to defray the expenses for the fiscal period from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016									
8											
9		A power point presentation was given by Town Administrator Evan Brassard that provided a budgetary overview for FY16									
10											
11											
12	Art.		Total	From	From Free	Transfer From	Offset Entrep.	Free Cash to	Borrowing		
13			Appropriations	Tax Levy	Cash	Other Avail.	Funds & CPA	Reduce Cash			
14						Funds		Rate			
15											
16	4	OMNIBUS									
17		GENERAL GOVERNMENT									
18		Purchase of Petroleum Products	180,000.00	180,000.00							
19		BOARD OF SELECTMEN									
20		Staff Salaries	132,422.00	127,417.00	5,005.00						
21		Expense	5,500.00	5,500.00							
22											
23		FINANCE COMMITTEE									
24		Staff Salaries	3,650.00	3,650.00							
25		Expense	200.00	200.00							
26		F.C. RESERVE FUND	30,000.00	30,000.00							
27											
28		TOWN ACCOUNTANT									
29		Staff Salaries	129,451.00	104,451.00	25,000.00						
30		Expense	7,310.00	7,310.00							
31											
32		AUDIT	39,650.00	39,650.00							
33											
34		BOARD OF ASSESSORS									
35		Staff Salaries	85,554.00	81,068.00	4,486.00						
36		Expense	17,625.00	17,625.00							
37		REVALUATION	800.00			800.00	(Board of Assessors' Stabilization Fund)				
38											
39		LAND COURT	3,500.00	3,500.00							
40		BANK FEES & PAYROLL	11,700.00	11,700.00							
41		TREASURER									
42		Staff Salaries	84,592.00	84,592.00							
43		Expense	6,610.00	6,610.00							
44											
45		TOWN COLLECTOR									
46		Staff Salaries	85,201.00	85,201.00							

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						Funds		Rate			
12											
13											
14											
47		Expense	34,736.00	34,736.00							
48		LAW DEPT. & CLAIMS	60,000.00	60,000.00							
49		TECHNOLOGY	18,910.00	18,910.00							
50											
51		TOWN CLERK									
52		Staff Salaries	77,809.00	77,809.00							
53		Expense	8,570.00	8,570.00							
54											
55		ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS									
56		Staff Salaries	8,400.00	8,400.00							
57		Expense	4,650.00	4,650.00							
58											
59		CONSERVATION COMMISSION	3,663.00	3,663.00							
60		PLANNING BOARD	2,300.00	2,300.00							
61		BOARD OF APPEALS	2,525.00	2,525.00							
62											
63		TOWN PLANNER									
64		Staff Salaries	49,076.00	49,076.00							
65		Expense	300.00	300.00							
66											
67		MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS									
68		Staff Salaries	47,053.00	47,053.00							
69		Expense	109,160.00	109,160.00							
70		GENERAL GOVERNMENT TOTAL	1,250,917.00								
71											
72		PUBLIC SAFETY									
73		Police Department									
74		POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,003,883.00	1,003,883.00							
75		Operating Expenses	82,290.00	82,290.00							
76		Cruiser Purchase	41,000.00	41,000.00							
77		Medical Bills	500.00	500.00							
78											
79		EMERGENCY DISPATCH									
80		Salaries	183,069.00	183,069.00							
81											
82		FIRE DEPARTMENT									
83		Salaries	143,534.00	143,534.00							
84		Housing Operating Expense	25,100.00	25,100.00							
85		Truck Operating Expense	21,150.00	21,150.00							
86		Special Services	2,150.00	2,150.00							
87											
88		AMBULANCE									
89		Salaries	444,610.00	202,683.00		305,035.00	Ambulance Receipts Reserved for				

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						Funds		Rate				
								Appropriation Acct.)				
12												
13												
14												
90		Expenses	63,108.00									
91												
92		BUILDING INSPECTOR										
93		Salaries	88,946.00	88,946.00								
94		Expense	6,080.00	6,080.00								
95												
96		SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEAS.	888.00	888.00								
97												
98		EMERGENCY MGMT	9,281.00	9,281.00								
99												
100		ANIMAL CONTROL										
101		Salaries	0.00	0.00								
102		Expense	16,554.00	16,554.00								
103												
104		TREE WARDEN										
105		Salaries	4,700.00	4,700.00								
106		Expense	9,000.00	9,000.00								
107												
108		FOREST FIRE										
109		Expense	5,100.00	5,100.00								
110		PUBLIC SAEETY TOTAL	2,150,943.00									
111												
112		EDUCATION										
113		School Department	10,477,630.00	10,477,630.00								
114		School Transp.	938,848.00	938,848.00								
116		EDUCATION TOTAL	11,416,478.00									
117												
118		PUBLIC WORKS										
119		HIGHWAY DEPT.										
120		Salaries	385,867.00	385,867.00								
121		Private Road Acct.	2,000.00	2,000.00	(An amendment was made on the floor by John Morrell to add \$2,000.00 to the Private Road Acct and subtract \$2,000.00 from the Gen. Roads & Bridges Acct.)							
122		Administration	32,165.00	32,165.00								
123		Gen. Roads & Bridges	280,750.00	280,750.00								
124		Down Town Streets	0.00	0.00								
125		Snow & Ice	200,000.00	200,000.00								
126		Emergency Repairs	10,000.00	10,000.00								
127		Road Machinery Acct.	55,700.00	55,700.00								
128												
129		STREET LIGHTING	22,000.00	22,000.00								
130												
131		CEMETERY DEPT.										
132		Salaries	77,015.00	77,015.00								
133		Expense	9,714.00	9,714.00								

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